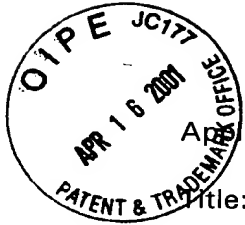


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 16, 2001, applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-27, with traverse, for prosecution in the subject application. The non-elected claims recite methods of use of the elected compositions. Under the *Ochiai* guidelines, such method claims should be rejoined with the composition claims upon allowance of the latter.

A further requirement for election of species was made. In response, applicants anti-bacterial agents, specifically quinolones and fluoroquinolones. Claims 1-6, 9, 10 and 27 read on the elected species. Should claims embracing the elected species be found allowable, the generic claims should be examined, along with remaining species.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

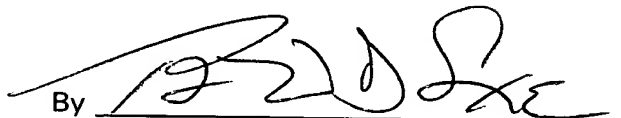
Receipt of an initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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